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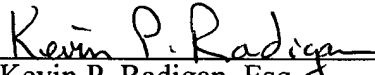
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR HANDLING E-MAIL MESSAGES IN A  
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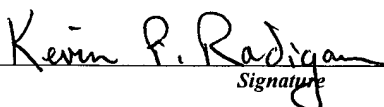
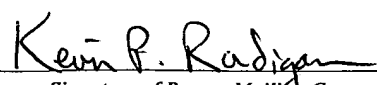
**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>DE919990045US1</b>	
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